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1. ICO EXECUTIVE BOARD MET SEPTEMBER 9-13 AND DISPOSED OF ALL AGENDA ITEMS EXCEPT THOSE RELATING TO NEGOTIATION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT WITH ECONOMIC PROVISIONS. AT SUGGESTION OF BRAZILIAN DELEGATION, DISCUSSION OF THESE LATTER TWO TOPICS WAS POSTPONED. FORMAL BOARD MEETINGS WERE HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 11, AND 18 WITH OTHER DAYS DEVOTED TO BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS.

2. ON THE KEY ISSUES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OF A NEW COFFEE AGREEMENT AND THE EXTENSION OF THE PRESENT ICA, BRAZIL TOOK THE LEAD IN PROPOSING DISCUSSIONS BE
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POSTPONED UNTIL WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, TO GIVE BOTH PRODUCER AND CONSUMER DELEGATIONS TIME FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. OTHER DELEGATIONS RAISED NO OBJECTIONS, BUT OMCAF REPRESENTATIVE STATE IVORY COAST MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SAWADOGO WOULD ADDRESS BOARD SEPTEMBER 13 TO REPORT ON THE OUTCOME OF HIS RECENT CONSULTATIONS WITH MAJOR PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES AS THE HEAD OF A DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE INTER AFRICAN COFFEE ORGANIZATION (IACO).

3. AT SEPTEMBER 13 MEETING, SAWADOGO COVERED MUCH THE SAME GROUND HE HAD DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. HE SAID THE AFRICAN PRODUCERS BELIEVE THE TIME IS RIPE FOR THE START OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW AGREEMENT AND, AS A RESULT OF THEIR CONSULTATIONS THEY BELIEVE THE POLITICAL WILL ALSO EXISTS. HE SAID IACO WOULD TABLE RESOLUTIONS AT COFFEE COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK WHICH CONTAIN THEIR PROPOSALS AND CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF WORKING GROUPS TO STUDY SPECIFIC AREAS OF CONCERN. SAWADOGO NAMED THE THREE KEY AREAS AS SUPPLY, PRICES AND "ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS" (READ "MARKET SHARES"). HE ADDED THAT IACO MEMBERS BELIEVE THAT WORKING GROUPS SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT BY EARLY APRIL AND THAT A FORMAL AGREEMENT COULD BE CONCLUDED IN MAY. HOWEVER, SAWADOGO RECOGNIZED THAT IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT BY MAY AND, IN THAT EVENT, SAID IACO FELT A COFFEE COUNCIL MEETING SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR MAY TO TAKE DECISION ON EXTENSION PRESENT AGREEMENT (I.E., THAT NO DECISION ON EXTENSION BE TAKEN NOW).

4. DELEGATIONS OF FRANCE (SPEAKING FOR EEC), MEXICO, GUATEMALA, FRG AND US MADE STATEMENTS WELCOMING IACO INITIATIVE WHILE RESERVING COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSALS. US DEL EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OTHER DELS WOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER WHETHER IT WOULD BE PROCEDURALLY POSSIBLE TO ASSURE EXTENSION OF PRESENT ICO TO ENTER IN FORCE OCTOBER 1, 1975 IF COUNCIL DELAYED ACTION ON EXTENSION UNTIL MAY OF 1975, AS SAWADOGO PROPOSED.

5. FYI: AT SEPTEMBER 12 LUNCHEON WITH USDEL, BRAZILIAN DEL (RAFAELLI) SOUGHT BRIEFING ON SAWADOGO VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON SAWADOGO VISIT BRAZIL. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOTING THAT SAWADOGO PROPOSING EARLY INITIATION SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT WORKING GROUPS TO COMMENT WORK IN OCTOBER, RAFAELLI COMMENTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS NOW WOULD BE PREMATURE. HE SAID THAT SAWADOGO, IN RIO, HAD URGED GOB PRESSURE US INTO PRESSING FOR EARLY NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT BRAZILIANS HAD REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH THEY ENJOY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH US, THEY COULD NOT EXERT ANY SUCH PRESSURE. HE CONFIRMED THAT IBC PRESIDENT CALAZANS HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED LEAVE LONDON THIS WEEKEND (BEFORE COUNCIL OPENED) BUT HAS NOW RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE HIS STAYING THROUGH AT LEAST FIRST WEEK OF COUNCIL. RAFAELLI ALSO SAID HE HAD HEARD OF POWER STRUGGLE GOING ON IN COLOMBIAN COFFEE CIRCLES, WITH PRESIDENT INSISTING HE, RATHER THAN COFFEE FEDERATION PRESIDENT, ARTURO GOMEZ, HAVE LAST WORD ON COLOMBIAN COFFEE POLICY. THIS LATTER

APPEARS BORNE OUT BY OUR BRIEF CONVERSATIONS WITH
ARTURO GOMEZ WHO SEEMS SOMEWHAT SUBDUED AND WHO HAS EXPRESSED
VIEW THAT TIME IS NOT YET RIPE FOR NEGOTIATIONS.
DURING LUNCHEON RAFAELLI HAD OPINED THAT NOBODY WANTED TO
PRESS FOR EARLY NEGOTIATIONS LEST HE ASSUME ROLE OF DEMANDEUR
AND BE FORCED PAY HEAVILY TO OBTAIN SATISFACTION. END FYI.
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